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#### In brief

#### Four-day weekend

Veterans Day will mark the beginning of a four-day weekend for Tyndall Airmen. Nov. 11 is a federal holiday and Nov. 14 was declared a command down day by Gen. William Looney, Air Education and Training Command commander. General Looney also encourages civilians to use their approved eighthour AETC Time Off Award during this time.

#### Brown water notice

Base civil engineers will be flushing hydrants in base housing throughout November to test the lines. During this time, residents may see discoloration, but the water is safe to drink. Residents can try to run the faucet until the water is clear for drinking, and washing white loads of laundry is not advised until the water is clear again. For more information, call customer service at 283-4948.

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#### Li'l generals

Jake Bobb, left, and Evan Ogilvie open up their packages of ear plugs before watching two F-15 Eagles scramble Oct. 28 at the alert ramp during "War Day." Jake is the son of Maj. Matt Bobb, Air Force Civil Engineer Support Agency, and Evan is the nephew of 1st Lt. Matt Thomas, 1st Fighter Squadron. For more on War Day, see Pages 12-13.

## President Bush: Troops depend on family support

GERRY J. GILMORE

American Forces Press Service

**WASHINGTON (AFPN)** — All U.S. troops fighting the war on terrorism "rely on the love and support of their families," President George W. Bush told spouses at Bolling Air Force Base here.

Military members are deployed worldwide defending "our freedom and our security in the first war of the 21st century," President Bush said Oct. 25.

And he said American servicemembers are performing dangerous missions in places like Afghanistan and Iraq "with skill and courage and compassion."

"America is proud of the men and women who wear our uniform," he said. "And so am I."

The president said all servicemembers need the support of their mothers, fathers, husbands and wives. Family members send care packages and e-mails to deployed servicemembers and "provide the daily encouragement for our folks overseas," he said

President Bush also acknowledged that today is a trying time for military spouses and said many have been apart from deployed loved ones.

"Many of you have endured long separations from your husbands and wives," he said. "You miss them and worry about them, and all the while keep things running at home."

By standing behind their deployed husbands and wives, military spouses are serving as well, the president said. He also said American people are grateful for the strength and sacrifice military spouses make.

"And so am I," he said.

American servicemembers are sacrificing for their country, and military spouses deserve full support in return, President Bush said.

Servicemembers and their families deserve the best-possible pay, he said, adding that he has increased basic military pay by 21 percent since 2001. Military members and their families also deserve affordable, comfortable housing and good health benefits.

The president said military imminent danger pay has been increased by 50 percent to provide extra compensation for servicemembers deployed in harm's way. And, family separation pay was more than doubled. Base housing for military families has been upgraded, and out-of-pocket housing costs have been eliminated for most families living off base.

And it's easier for military families to get health care today, President Bush said. Tax filing deadlines are extended for deployed servicemembers. Payments for servicemembers wounded in action have increased. And education benefits have been improved for the Guard and reserve.

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#### Tortoise and the hair

Staff Sgt. Benjamin Rojek

Capt. Doreen Richard, 325th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron, gives candy to a young trick-or-treater Monday in base housing. Captain Richard was with members of the 325th Medical Group who handed out candy from the back of an ambulance. They drove around base housing and offered tours of the ambulance and treats for the children.

## Identify this...



Can you identify this object? If so, send an e-mail to editor@tyndall.af.mil with "Identify This" in the subject line. Three correct entries will be chosen at random and drawn from a hat to select the final winner. The prize can be claimed at the Public Affairs office.

The winner for the Oct. 28 "Identify This" is Tech. Sgt. Tory Lynch. Sergeant Lynch correctly guessed that it was an aircraft pallet side net. Congratulations Sergeant Lynch. Come and claim your prize!

## ON THE **STREET**

# 325th Communications Squadron focus: What is your favorite part about your job?



"I enjoy dealing with the people of the squadron."

"My favorite part is being able to work at my own pace."

1ST LT. NIKITA BELIKOV
325th CS Unit Deployment Manager





"I like being in charge of making sure all computer equipment is accounted for."



"I like how the job changes daily. There's never the same problem."

SENIOR AIRMAN JESSICA CARSON 325th CS equipment custodian

AIRMAN 1ST CLASS
ZACHARIAH SIGSWORTH
325th CS radio technician

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## Commentary

## Having goals helps keep mission importance in sight

325th Air Control Squadron commander

Airmen often get pulled different ways trying to support the unit's mission. But we need something on which to hang our hat so we remember what is important for our unit.

One way to keep a priority on your role in a unit is to have some simple reminders to keep your eyes fixed on what is important.

In the 325th Air Control Squadron, we rally around three main themes: Be a full-up round; maintain a mission focus; and contribute to Team Tyndall.

Maintaining a focus on these priorities will provide benefits for you, your duty section, your unit and our Air Force. We tie these three themes together so that they complement and build on each other. They provide a reference by which unit members can reorient themselves as they get pulled by competing priorities.

These themes can be modified for any ca-

reer field or Air Force Specialty Code. As an example, in the ACS we use these themes for our instructors, our student air battle managers and pilot simulators alike.

What is a "full-up round?" What image does this connotation bring to mind? To us it means someone who is fully competent in the tasks they have been given to perform.

For example, our instructors are expected to understand all the positional training events in their tasked block of training and strive to get qualified in all positional training events. This allows our unit to use them for more than one part of student training. It gives our unit the flexibility to meet our mission tasking.

With all of our unit personnel striving to be a full-up round we provide flexibility in the unit and members can be a good Wingman as we all work together to train our students.

What is "Maintaining a mission focus?" We use positive peer pressure to remind each other of the reason we are stationed at Tyndall. Too many times people focus on the smaller tasks and forget to step back and see the big picture.

Every three weeks, we graduate 9-12 ABM students. For the ACS, these graduations are a great reminder of what we are about and we do for the Air Force. These ABMs have succeeded in setting the foundation for the rest of their career and we have once again succeeded in our mission of training the world's best air battle manag-

If our cadre become a full up round and have focused on our mission, we can then work on our third main theme, "Contributing to Team Tyndall." We define this theme by using circles of influence. We remind each other that Team Tyndall starts at the closest possible circle of influence, in our own homes or dorms.

If we don't take care of first things first

at home, our families or roommates will not be happy, may come to resent us and will have a difficult time supporting us. With out harmony at home and family members that support us, we don't effectively contribute to our unit mission. When we aren't focusing on our mission, it is harder to be a full up round.

After taking care of the most important things, we talk about expanding our circle. The next circle is your duty section, then your flight, your squadron, group, wing and, finally, the community in which you live to include our civilian neighbors (be they from the house across the cul de sac or evacuees from New Orleans). Our actions affect them and the base's relationship with the community.

All of these themes tie together. If we take care of these areas, the rest will take care of itself and you will realize the importance of what you do.

## Airmen represent Air Force to everyone they meet

Col. Joseph Zeis Jr.

46th Test Wing Commander

**EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Fla.** — A couple of years ago, my family and I were having dinner in a restaurant. I had just met them there following work and had not changed from my uniform. An elderly gentleman kept looking over and finally came over to me.

He simply said, "I just want to thank you for your service to our country."

It clearly meant a lot to him, and to me as well. I shook his hand and asked him rather awkwardly if he had ever served

"Why yes, but some time ago during World War II," he said. "We didn't have all the demands on us that you do today."

I asked him to tell us a little about his time in the service.

He went on to explain about the flag raising on Iwo Jima and the famous Rosenthal photo. His company guarded the flag that first night after it was raised.

And he was thanking me for my service!

This event made me think of our current generation and its service to this country. In some very distinct ways, we face very similar global responsibilities and demands. As I see our young officers and enlisted troops mature and grow professionally in rank and responsibility, I often think of that amazing encounter.

To that elderly gentleman who guarded the flag over Iwo Jima, I came to represent, rightly or wrongly, at that instant in time, our generation of service to the same flag he de-

We each must always bear that responsibility, burden and honor. To everyone we meet on or off base, in uniform or out, we embody an entire generation in service to our country. Every individual Airman represents the heritage of this great base, the lineage of the magnificent wings that comprise this center, and in a very real sense, we each, individually, represent the entire United States Air Force.

This Air Force has been in action continuously since 1991, and has become the single most potent fighting force in the history of the world. But we follow a great tradition of service, and must respect and honor those who came before us. As Veterans Day approaches, I ask you to consider this and rededicate yourselves to the tasks ahead.

Thank your families and friends for their support and their sacrifices. But most importantly, serve to make those who came before us, like that elderly gentleman in the restaurant, proud of the contributions of this generation to the flag and the country. And thank you for your service!



The Action Line is your direct line to me. It you are unable to resolve the problem, call me is one way to make Tyndall a better place to work and live.

The goal is to provide you with an accurate, timely response. You must leave your name, phone number or address to receive a re-

Questions or comments of general interest will be published in this forum. This avenue should only be used after coordinating problems or concerns with supervisors, commanders, first sergeants or facility managers.

If you're not satisfied with the response or

at 283-2255.

For fraud, waste and abuse calls, you should talk to the 325th Fighter Wing Inspector General's Office, 283-4646.

Calls concerning energy abuse should be referred to the energy hot line, 283-3995.

Below are more phone numbers that help you in resolving any issues with a base agency.

283-4825
283-4191
283-7515
283-2739

/IPF	283-2276
SFS Desk Sgt.	283-2254
Services	283-2501
-egal	283-4681
Housing	283-2036
CDC	283-4747
Ving Safety	283-4231
Area Defense Counsel	283-2911
inance	283-4117
Civil Engineer	283-4949
Civilian Personnel	283-3203
Base Information	283-1113

Thank you for helping me improve Tyndall and I look forward to hearing from you.

# DeCA begins new returned check processing procedure

STAFF SGT. BENJAMIN ROJEK

325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Base commissaries are using a new processing procedure for returned checks in order to allow employees to spend more time on customer service and less time on check processing.

The Defense Commissary Agency began a phased transfer of collecting returned checks resulting from non-sufficient funds, closed accounts, stop payments, etc., in July 2003, according to DeCA. The new process called "Returned Check Management" removes commissaries from the check collection process. The Tyndall Commissary began the new process Oct. 19.

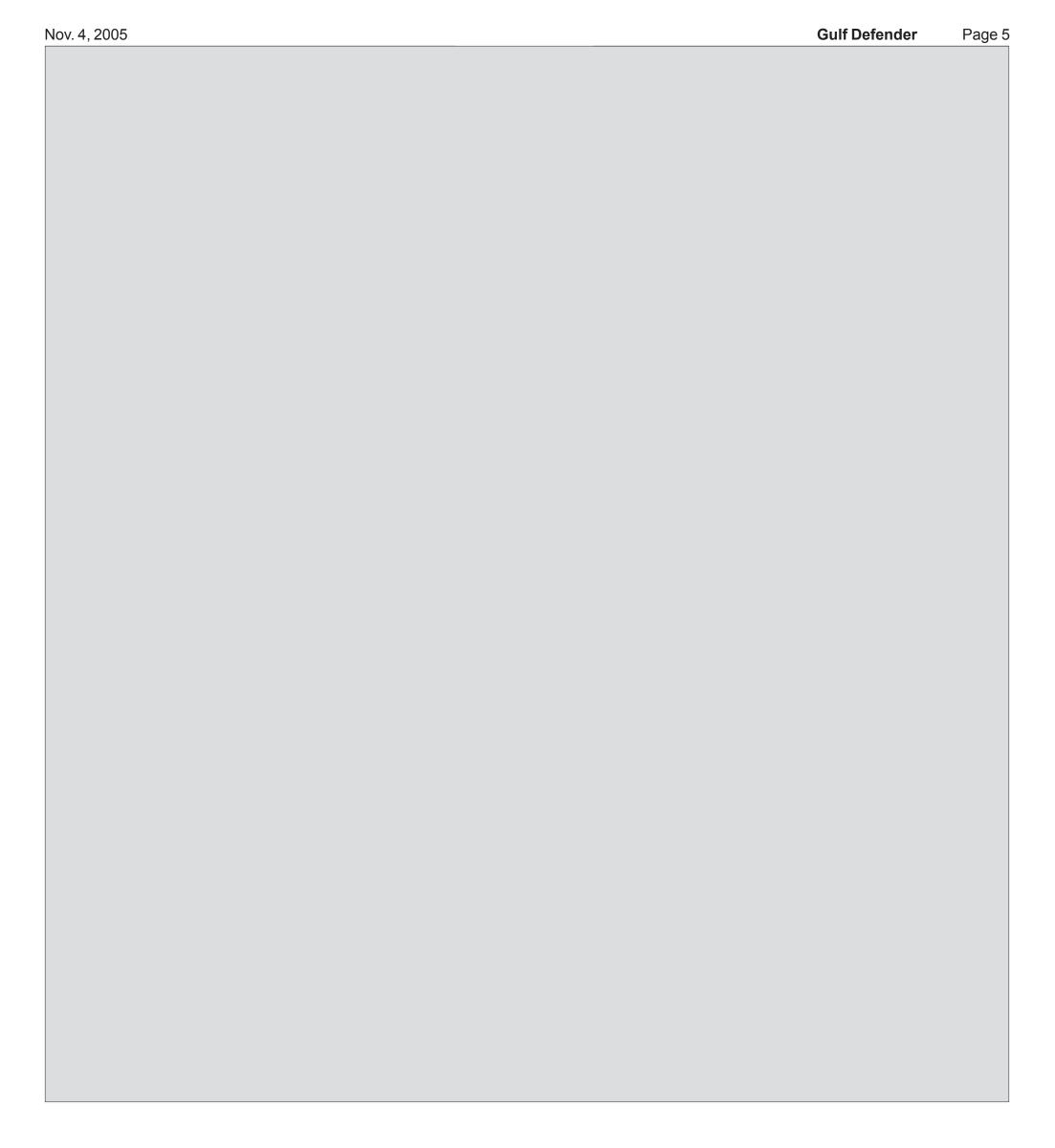
"Under the new system, if a check doesn't clear, the bank forwards it to a central processing location instead of back to the commissary," said Mike Yaksich, Tyndall store director. "Once at the central location, the check is imaged and converted to an elec-

tronic re-presentment format. This electronic re-presentment process will automatically attempt to obtain the face value of the check from the customer's checking account up to two times and will coincide with military paydays. Checks that fail the two re-presentment processes will be sent to DFAS-Columbus for collection action."

Any checks returned prior to Oct. 19, the date this process was implemented, will be handled through the Commissary.

This is a win-win situation for both Commissary shoppers and employees, according to DeCA. The new process does not change the way checks are taken, but will reduce the number of returned checks to the Commissary, thus allowing employees to devote more time to customer service.

For more information on the new check return process, call DeCA's customer service liaisons Judy Blair or J.D. Littman toll-free at (866) 893-5015.



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## CDC, Youth Center undergo surprise inspection

1st Lt. J. Elaine Hunnicutt

**FORCE SUSTAINMENT** 

325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The 2005 multi-disciplinary inspection team, led by the 325th Mission Support Group, completed the yearly two-day, no-notice inspection of the base child-care services Oct. 26 and 27.

The team is made up of 18 inspectors from a variety of Air Force specialties including public health, safety, fire department and other professionals.

"Many people don't realize that these operations are among the most heavily inspected of any Air Force programs," said Lt. Col. Marc Piccolo, 325th Services Squardron commander.

The yearly inspection is required under the Military Child Care Act of 1996. The facilities inspected include the Child Development Center, the Youth Center and home day cares in Tyndall housing.

"Parents don't have the time to thoroughly go through these programs on a daily basis ... we jump in to ensure every detail complies with Air Force guidelines and that manage their programs with the highest standards for quality care," said Lt. Col. Alan Lake, 325th Mission Support Group deputy commander.

"We have to make sure our children are safe and that we are doing everything we can to provide healthy, well-

managed facilities," said

Colonel Lake.
Parents are also brought in to be a part of the inspection team, even parents who send their children off base.

"We want to ensure a bal-

anced and object perspective," said the colonel.

Staff Sgt. Temesha Madison, 325th Mission Support Group NCO in charge of the command section, is a new inspector and mother of a 3-year-old girl, who has used the CDC since her daughter was old enough to be admitted.

"I didn't even know about this inspection process until I was asked to be a part of the team," said Sergeant Madison. "I think it is amazing that this team goes through the facilities so thoroughly; I was really taken (back) by the experience."

Each inspector has a different responsibility during the process. Sergeant Madison was responsible for evaluating the interaction between care giver and parent, as well as the exchange between care giver and child.

"We ensure the kids are getting the best quality care," said the sergeant. "I am even more confident that my daughter is getting the best possible care."

She said knowing her daughter is safe, puts her mind at ease

"I do not have any second thoughts about leaving her at the CDC," said Sergeant Madison. "I have seen what kind of care she is getting, and I can focus on my work."

"It is imperative to our mission that our children are safe and healthy," said Colonel Lake. "If the child-services offered by our base fail to meet standards in any way, then our children are impacted. When children are impacted, then parents can't focus on their jobs.

"We have to ensure a healthy and safe environment for our entire Air Force family," he continued.

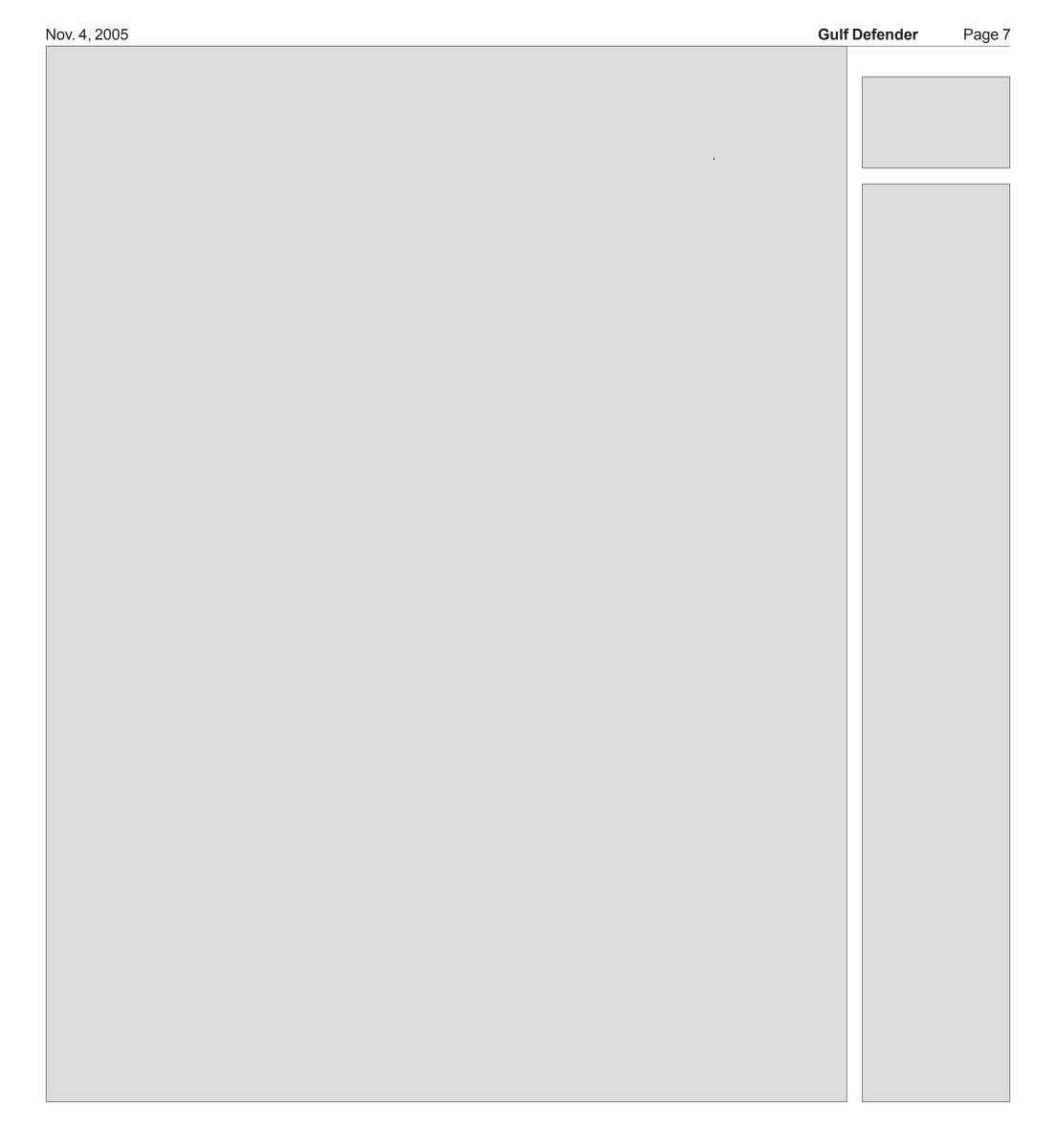
"The men and women working in our CDC, Youth Center, and FCC programs have a real passion for what they do, and their enthusiasm is what makes Tyndall's programs



1st Lt. J. Elaine Hunnicutt

Wanda Abrams, 325th Services Squadron, entertains children at the Child Development Center during a fire alarm exercise.

special," said Colonel Piccolo. "They maintain the highest standards day in and day out, and inspections like this confirm those standards."



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## Congratulations to the **Team Tyndall 3rd Quarter award** winners!

Airman Category - Airman 1st Class Roger Bieber, 325th MXG

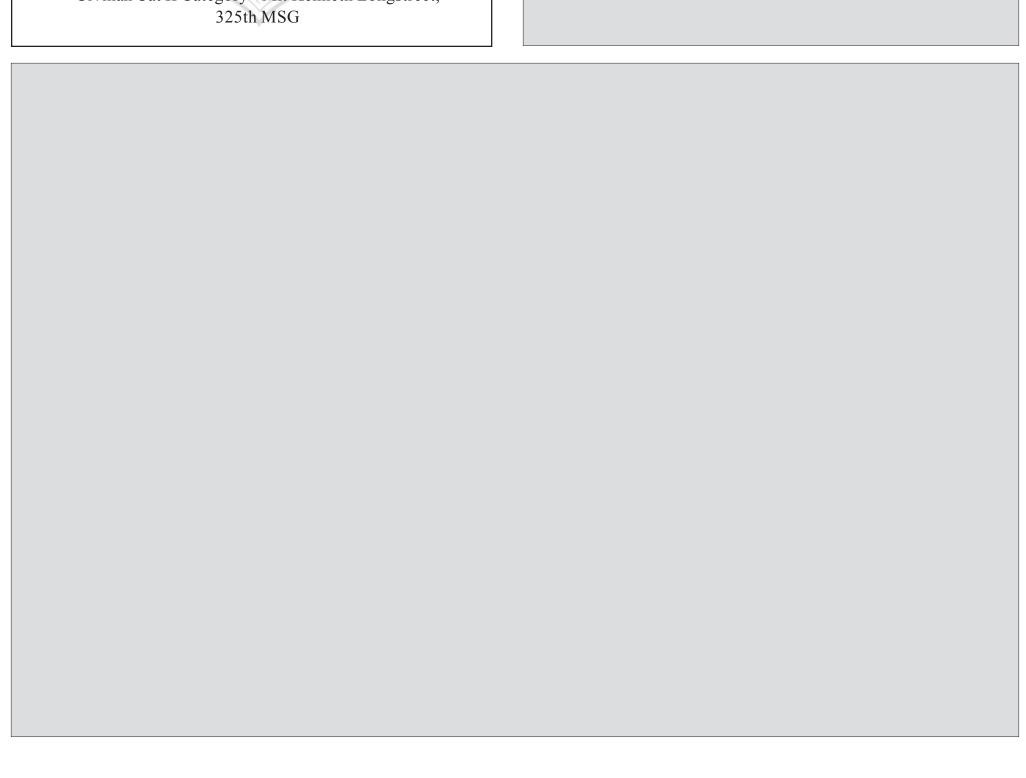
NCO Category - Staff Sgt. Peter Van Damme, 325th MSG

SNCO Category - Senior Master Sgt. Christopher Campbell, 1st AF

CGO Category - Capt. Michelle Harwood, AFCESA

Civilian Cat I Category - Mr. Richard Brimer, 325th FWstaff

Civilian Cat II Category - Mr. Kenneth Longstreet, 325th MSG



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## WWII pilots share lessons of war with tomorrow's heroes

1st Lt. J. Elaine Hunnicutt

The 2nd Fighter Squadron honored the remaining World War II veterans from their squadron Oct. 28 at the Officers' Club.

Eleven veterans were in attendance for the event. They toured the base and ended the day at the Officers' Club with a flyover by a P-51 Mustang and F-4 Phantom. These men flew the Super Marine Spitfire MkIV and P-51 Mustang when they were defending America against the Axis of Evil in the 1940s.

The occasion was special for the pilots who attended, according to Col. Matthew Molloy, 325th Operations Group commander. The youngest veteran who attended is 81.

"This may be the last time they meet at Tyndall," said Capt. Andrew Merkle, 325th Operations Support Squadron.

This reunion has become a yearly event since 1983 and is held in October at rotating locations.

The group toured the 2nd Fighter Squadron; viewed static displays of an F-15 Eagle, F/A-22 Raptor and a P-51 Mustang; watched take offs of the aircraft; and attended a warrior call, or squadron pep rally, at the Officers' Club with the students and faculty.

During the warrior call the veterans shared

their stories of triumph and loss. They passed Fighter Squadron comon advice, guidance and lessons through their words to America's future fighting force.

The squadron is famed for shooting down 183 aircraft for 15th Air Force in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations during World War II. They produced 11 aces; those aces shot down 50 percent of the 183 aircraft. An ace is a military pilot who has destroyed five or more enemy aircraft.

The squadron's mission in 1943, while flying the Super Marine Spitfire MkIV based out of Corsica, Italy, was to support ground forces. Because of this mission they infrequently had the opportunity to engage air-toair combat. That mission changed when the squadron converted to the P-51 Mustangs and moved to Madna, Italy. The new task facing these pilots was to escort bombers on long-range missions to target Southern Germany, Austria, Romania and the Balkans. Enemy fighter opposition was intense in these

The best part was "listening to 'the Greatest Generation' tell their stories and talk about their experiences as fighter pilots," said Captain Merkle.

"They didn't consider themselves 'heroes,' just ordinary men accomplishing a mission," said Lt. Col. James Riemens-Van Laare, 2nd mander.

The first speaker was Freddie Ohr, a former Air Force major. He was the 10th squadron commander of the 2nd Fighter Squadron.

As Mr. Ohr recounted the historical battles in which he and his team flew against insurmountable odds and prevailed, he made it clear that they were not only a talented lot but also very lucky. He iokingly noted that success as a fighter pilot is 20 percent skill and 80 percent luck.

On a more serious note, he pointed out the importance of not underestimating your opponent. "You don't have to love 'em, but give 'em some respect," said Mr. Ohr.

As he told the story he has shared time and again with vivid details and comical anecdotes, he told the crowd, "How can I recount so much of the battles in detail ... we flew much slower than you do."

"None of our 2nd Fighter Squadron World War II fighter pilots knew what was going to happen when they woke up (that) morning, but they were all 100 percent ready,"



Capt. Michael Cabral, 43rd Fighter Squadron, shows the cockpit of a F/A-22 Raptor to Freddie Ohr, left, and Bill DeForest, both of whom served with the 2nd Fighter Squadron in World War II.

> said Col. Brian Dickerson, 325th Fighter Wing vice commander.

> "They didn't know they were going to be in a survival situation in the morning or trying to get their first air-to-air kill in a one-on-six fight (later) in the afternoon. They just knew that they were the best they could be ... all of the time," said Colonel Dickerson.

> Being the "best that you can" equates to "Excellence in All We Do," and this same dedication "applies to all of our Airmen ... student or instructor, medical technician or civil engineer, or blue suiter or civilian," said Colonel Dickerson.

## Wear of headphones in PT uniforms OK during workout

SENIOR AIRMAN SARAH STEGMAN

81st Training Wing Public Affairs

#### **KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. (AFPN)**

There are many reasons people opt to use headphones while working out. Some use them to pace them-



**KEESLER AIR FORCE** BASE, Miss. (AFPN) — Senior Airman Lizeth Abreu demonstrates proper wear headphones while stretching in PT gear.

selves while running and doing reps. For others, getting lost in the music helps them work out longer by losing track of

Whatever the reason, headphones must be worn properly while working out in the new Air Force physical training uniform.

According to Air Force officials, Airmen dressed in the PT uniform are authorized to wear headphones while participating in personal fitness and other off-duty activities.

However, headphones can't be worn in formation, during organized unit physical training sessions or while performing official duties.

Commanders may further deny headphone wear if conditions are determined to be unsafe, such as people running near vehicle traffic where such wear would limit hearing or awareness of surroundings. They may also disallow headphone use because of operational requirements, officials said.

The Air Force hasn't established a mandatory wear date for the new PT uniform, and units shouldn't mandate the wear or purchase of this uniform by their members, said command officials.

When the 97th Air Force Uniform Board convenes today, the PT uniform will be discussed and may result in modification of some aspects of the uniform. When a mandatory wear date is established, units will be noti-

In the interim, Airmen shouldn't be forced to purchase the existing PT uniform, even if they have received the increased clothing allowance, according to officials.

Other guidelines to proper wear of the PT gear in-

- **Uniform**: Any combination of items may be worn together, but items can't be worn with any civilian clothing.
  - **T-shirt**: Must be worn tucked into shorts or pants.
  - **Jacket**: Must be at least half-zipped, and hood

must be stored and zipped when not worn.

- Pants: Must be zipped at the legs.
- **Spandex shorts and leggings**: Navy blue or black; may be worn under PT shorts. Full-length leggings may be worn during cold weather.
- White socks: Must be worn. Ankle or calf length socks with small, conservative logos are acceptable.
  - **Shoes**: Must be a conservative color.
- Hats: Not required when performing PT activities, but if optional organizational hats are worn, commanders must standardize.
- Saluting: Not required when performing PT activities, but is required regardless of uniform type when not performing PT activities when meeting individuals with appropriate rank.
- **Hair**: Must be neat and can't hang loose below the collar; long hair must be tied back.
- Reflective belt: Requirement is at the discretion of the squadron commander.
- **Body art**: Normal standards apply.
- **Jewelry**: Wear follows normal uniform rules; keep safety in mind.
- **Deployed locations**: Wear policy is at the discretion of the theater commander.

(Air Force Personnel Center news service contributed to this story.)

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# Associate Spotlight

#### Senior Master Sgt. Faridie M. Johnson



Sergeant Johnson receives the Associate Spotlight award from Col. Gus Elliott, AFCESA commander.

The Checkertail Clan salutes Sergeant Johnson, Headquarters Air Force Civil Engineer Agency. She is working on her master's degree in human resource management and was recognized earlier this year as an Outstanding Performer during AFCESA's Unit Compliance Inspection conducted by the Air Force Inspection Agency.

**Duty title:** Information manager

**Unit:** AFCESA

Time on station: Two years,

seven months

Time in service: Twenty-four years

Hometown: Albany, Ga.

**Hobbies:** Reading and exercising Pet Peeves: People with a don't-

care attitude

Favorite thing about your unit:

The people

Proudest moment in the military: STEP promotion to technical sergeant

The Associate Spotlight is a 325th Fighter Wing commander program designed to recognize a Warrior from one of Tyndall's tenant units. Supervisors can nominate individuals via their squadron and group commanders. Award recipients receive a certificate from the wing commander and other items presented by their unit.



Phase I of the Sabre Gate project is currently underway and is expected to be completed by Nov. 18. Phase I will complete the new outbound lane at Sabre Gate, as well as the widening of School Road.

Phase II should begin approximately five to 10 days later. This time will allow for all inbound lanes to be closed and outbound traffic to begin use of the newly constructed lane. Inbound traffic will use the newly widened School Road. The expected construction start date for Phase II will be approximately Nov. 28.

Phase II can be expected to last until March 2006. This involves the removal of the existing. and construction of a new gatehouse, installation of antiterrorism force protection measures and resurfacing of the entire Sabre Gate road-

Exercise caution while driving through the areas during these construction phases, since large equipment and construction personnel can be heavy at times.





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The Gulf Defender is published for people like Senior Airman Joshua Isom, 325th Communications Squadron network infrastructure technician.





#### **FORCE TRAINING**



#### Training Spotlight

#### What are you most looking forward to in your upcoming training?

 ${}^{\mbox{`I}}$  can't wait to work on actual operating jets, getting my training in real time. This will give me more extensive knowledge on my job."



AIRMAN BASIC GARIUS BAYLOR 372nd Training Squadron/Detachment 4 Mission Ready Airmen student

## **Student Focus**

## Life support trains pilots to survive

2ND LT. WILLIAM POWELL

325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Before a student pilot even enters an recover F-15 Eagle for the first time here, he is already trained on what to do if he must three hours. quickly exit one.

"If student or instructor pilots have to eject, their survival depends on what they've learned from Life Support," said Staff Sgt. Shera Erdman, 2nd Fighter Squadron Life Support technician.

The training begins soon after arriving here. Within the first few days, Basic Course students visit the Life Support Life Support section at their respective squadron to get fitted for their equipment, which includes a custom-fit helmet, harness, antigravity suit, combat edge vest and mask.

"We teach them how to pre-flight their to instructor pigear on the combined aircrew system tester, which checks their communication and for air leaks before they step to the aircraft," Sergeant Erdman said.

After receiving their equipment, the students head to Wing Life Support to learn how to exit an F-15 in an emergency and what do to if they have to 'punch out.'

"The training discusses the procedures on how to egress an Eagle, and how to dangle in the harness after ejecting," she said. "They also learn how to land in water or on land after ejecting, and what to do in case they encounter trees or power lines."

minimum rescue time to find and downed pilot is Life Support members teach pilots how to survive alone in case the rescue time is longer than expected.

"The squadron sections give refresher courses in water and combat survival lots, but students receive much longer, initial

courses at the Wing Life Support section," she continued. "We teach them the proper way to pop a flare, what's in their survival kit and how to use the survival kit items while they are waiting to be rescued."

First Lt. Joseph Goldsmith, 2nd FS B-Course student pilot, said the training and service provided by the Life Support members gives pilots the knowledge they need to survive in case of emergencies.

"When we're in theater, we may have to use this equipment," said Lieutenant According to Sergeant Erdman, the Goldsmith. "Life support makes sure we



Staff Sgt. Shera Erdman, left, 2nd Fighter Squadron Life Support technician, administers a combined aircrew systems test for 1st Lt. Joseph Goldsmith, 2nd FS B-Course student.

know how to use our survival gear."

"Your life is our business' is our motto," said Sergeant Erdman. "That's because if we don't do our part, they won't survive."

And Sergeant Erdman said their mission is to ensure each pilot is confident and comfortable with his equipment and training before stepping to the aircraft.

"That's what we're here for," Sergeant Erdman said. "We make sure pilots are comfortable when they're flying because if they aren't comfortable, they won't be fully focused on the mission."



#### Pilot and counter

Instructor and student pilots with the 1st Fighter Squadron line up at the operations desk for their step brief Tuesday. The brief updates the pilots on current weather and mission information before they go to the flightline.

#### Air Battle Manager student progress chart 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100% Class # 0602 Nov. 9 0603 Nov. 30 0604 Dec. 14 0605 Jan. 25 0606 Feb. 15



Capt. Doug Davis, Arkansas Air National Guard, prepares for takeoff in an F-16 Fighting Falcon Oct. 28 here. He and 17 other F-16 pilots from other Air Nationa Guard units were here to fly against Tyndall F-15 Eagles and F/A-22 Raptors during the 1st Fighter Squadron's 2005 War Day.

## Pilots defend Tyndall against 'attack,' hone war skills during 2005 War Day

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325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Every day Tyndall F-15 Eagle instructor pilots teach dozens of student pilots

structors rarely get a chance to showcase their own warfighting skills against a formidable adversary.

Fortunately, some 1st Fighter Squad-

Capt. Kristen Bass, Arkansas ANG, straps into an F-16 before taking off. Two KC-135 Stratotankers, a QF-4 Phantom II and 18 F-16s formed the aggressor force, or "Red Air."

how to fight and win in combat, yet in- ron instructors got a chance to test their skills Oct. 28 against the toughest and best trained "adversary" there is – other American fighter pilots.

> The event pitted 12 1st FS Eagles and, for the first time, two 43rd FS F/A-22 Raptors against numerous F-16 Fighting Falcons and a QF-4 Phantom II in a mock aerial engagement dubbed "War Day."

According to Lt. Col. Bert Dreher, 1st FS commander, War Day is meant to not only keep instructors' skills sharp, but also to remind them and the students they teach that their objective is to fight and win the nation's wars.

"We often get locked into the training mindset and forget that, at the heart of all of this, we are warriors," he said. "(Instructors) are here to pass on the skills we've learned, but as warriors out

there, we have the potential of getting sho at. This (exercise) reminds us that our objective is to fly, fight and win."

Their goal this time was simple – defend a simulated high-value target near Carrabelle, Fla., from hostile forces. When the order was given, two alert Eagles were

scrambled from Tyndall's runway to join 13 other "Blue Air" aircraft already airborne: A KC-135 Stratotanker from the Mississippi Air National Guard, 10 Eagles and two Raptors, which marked the first time Tyndall Raptors trained with another weapon system, rather than solely against one. Blue Air's mission was to intercept the aggressor force, or "Red Air," which



Capt. Eric Haas, 1st chief during the W sounded, Captain Ha scrambled to their j

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consisted of 18 F-16s from Texas, Arkansas, Alabama and Iowa Air National Guard units, two Stratotankers and the Phantom from the 82nd Aerial Targets Squadron here.

"We had to destroy all bomb droppers, or strikers, before they reached their target," said Maj. Tom Kafka, 1st FS weapons officer and event coordinator. "If we

let even one striker through, we would have failed the mission. But we didn't necessarily have to kill all the air-to-air jets protecting the strikers."

To simulate a massive assault force, Red Air members

could regenerate after being shot, yet Blue Air team members had only one life. This resulted in Blue Air being vastly outnumbered, but that's not uncommon, according to Colonel Dreher.

"We have trained to fight outnumbered at 2 to 1 or 3 to 1 ratios our entire Eagle career," he said. "Nearly all of our potential adversaries, going back to the formal Soviet Union, have outnumbered us."

The Red Air pilots had overwhelming numbers, but their combat tactics were purposely "slightly watered down" as they simulated foreign pilots flying foreign-built weapon systems, said Lt. Col. Don Ross, Red Air commander from the Iowa ANG.

"But we certainly weren't going to make it easy for Blue Air," Colonel Ross said. "We tried to complicate their ability to get missiles into all of us, because our ultimate goal was to get a striker across the target."



FS instructor pilot, is marshalled out by a crew /ar Day alert scramble. After the alert horn aas and Lt. Col. Bert Dreher, 1st FS commander, ets and were ready for takeoff in only 3:15.

Despite the "watered down" capabilities of the Red Air aggressors, Colonel Dreher said fighting against American pilots is the toughest opponent possible.

"They know our tactics extremely well because they practice our tactics when they're in the Blue Air role," said Colonel Dreher. "This is the toughest threat we'll ever face. We know if we

can hold our own against (American pilots), then it's a benchmark for how we'll do when it's for real."

The exercise, especially the alert scramble, felt real for the pilots as well as the intelligence officers, air battle managers and

maintainers who also participated in the event.

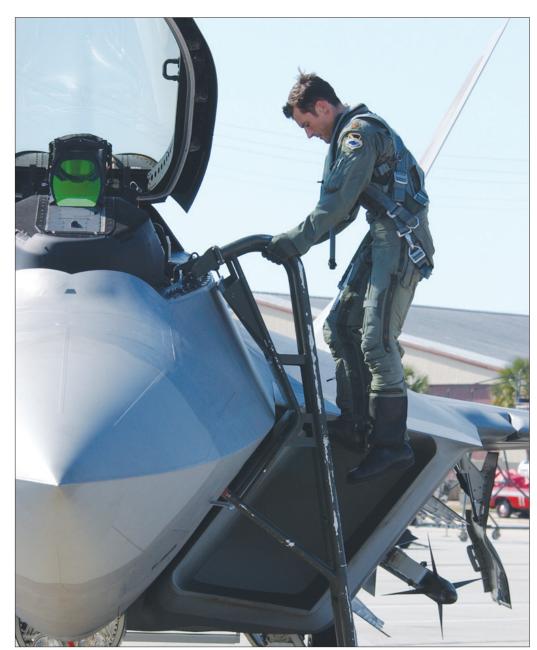
"I have launched alert missions before in Kuwait during Operation Enduring Freedom, but this was faster and smoother than we ever did at war," said Staff Sgt. Matthew Train, 1st Aircraft Maintenance Unit crew chief, who helped launch the alert jets in under four minutes before a crowd of spectators. "This exercise shows we still have the war capability here even though this is a training base, and it keeps us fresh because we are not always going to be stationed here."

This exercise marked the last time the 1st FS will be able to put up 12 jets at a time because the unit is transitioning into a "lean" squadron. As the Raptor becomes fully operational, some Eagles are being relocated to other installations. For this reason, members of the squadron wanted to "go out with a bang," said Major Kafka.

"We wanted to go up against as many aircraft as we possibly could," he said. "The scenario was a potential real-world scenario, and we got the chance to hone our skills in the event we are ever called upon to be in that real-world scenario."

Overall, Tyndall's instructor pilots completed the mission with approximately 22 reported kills, according to Lt. Col. Bill Routt, 1st FS operations officer.

"Due to real-time kill removal difficulties, it is hard to say how successful we were," he said. "However, there would be many MiG stars painted on the Fury aircraft (referring to the number of kills) and some victory rolls over Tyndall if the exercise were for real."



Maj. Paul Moga, 43rd FS instructor pilot, returns from his flight at the completion of the 'war.' Two Raptors joined 12 1st FS 'Fury' Eagles and a KC-135 to form the defensive counter air package, known as "Blue Air."



Staff Sgt. Rich Murray, 1st Aircraft Maintenance Unit crew chief, finishes pulling all the safety pins from Colonel Dreher's Eagle during the alert scramble. The two scrambled jets represented the last line of defense against the aggressors.

#### **Briefs**

#### **RAO** volunteers

The Retiree Activities Office is seeking volunteers to assist with the various tasks associated with running the office. The RAO is an all-volunteer organization that provides assistance and information to Tyndall's retiree community on retiree-related issues. Those interested in volunteering should contact the office by e-mail at tyndall.RAO@tyndall.af.mil or call 283-2737.

#### **AADD** volunteers

Airmen Against Drunk Driving is looking for volunteers. The hours of operations are 5 p.m. to 5 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Volunteers must be E-1s through E-4s. Those interested in volunteering can call 867-0220, or e-mail Airman 1st Class Brandon Krueger at brandon.krueger@tyndall.af.mil.

#### Lifeguards needed

The 325th Services Squadron's Outdoor Recreation office is compiling a list of possible candidates to be lifeguards for the upcoming season. Anyone who is currently certified or interested in becoming certified can contact Cindy Workman at 283-3199, or by e-mail cindy.workman@tyndall.af.mil.

#### Free child care

Air Force Aid offers 20 hours of free child care in a Family Child Care home during the first and last 60 days at base for those who are about or who just changed stations. There is also Air Force Aid for Volunteers, which provides free child care for persons volunteering in onbase agencies. To get a certificate or for more information, call the Family Support Center relocation specialist at 283-4204.

#### **Family Tradition Night**

In commemoration of Military Family Month, the Family Support Center is holding a Family Tradition Night 5:30-7:30 p.m. Nov. 17 at the FSC classroom in Bldg. 743. There will be free pizza and a discussion on the importance of family traditions. For more information, call 283-4204.

#### **Smooth Move workshop**

The next Smooth Move Workshop will take place from 9 a.m. to noon Wednes-

## Gulf Guide



#### Steve Wallace

#### He's such a card

Senior Airman Matt Baker, left, 95th Aircraft Maintenance Unit, shuffles while "King of Spades" Staff Sgt. Jason Rosenbaum, 325th Civil Engineer Squadron, looks on during the Boolagio Texas Hold 'Em tournament Oct. 28 at the Enlisted Club. Darleen Shields won the tournament.

day at the Family Support Center classroom. All military, DOD civilians and family members are invited. Experts from legal, finance, transportation management, family advocacy, billeting, housing and Tricare, as well as the Family Support Center will be there to answer questions. Call 283-4204/4205 to make reservations.

#### SBP briefing

The Survivor Benefit Plan is often misunderstood and undervalued by servicemembers. An SBP counselor will schedule those about to retire for a preretirement briefing, well before the retirement date. In addition to the briefing, various handouts are available to assist with making decisions. For more information, call Tyndall's SBP counselor, Alicia Gibbons, at 283-8392.

#### GCCC closure, registration

All Gulf Coast Community College locations will be closed Nov. 11 for Veterans Day. Gulf Coast Community College Spring 2006 schedules should be available Nov. 14. The Tyndall Center's spring registration is 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 16. The graduation application deadline is Nov. 18. For more information, call 283-4332.

#### Troy University Term I

The deadline to remove an incomplete grade from Term I is Nov. 18. All unfinished work must be completed and submitted to the instructor by this date or the incomplete will become an "F."

#### Tricare briefing

A Tricare benefit briefing will be held from 6-8 p.m. Nov. 15 at the Gulf Beach Baptist Church located on Hutchison Boulevard in Panama City Beach. Health care information will be provided for all categories of Tricare beneficiaries. For more information, call the 325th Medical Group's Tricare Operations office at 283-7331.

#### **Commissary hours**

The Tyndall Commissary will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 11 for Veterans Day. For the Thanksgiving holiday, the hours will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 21, closed Nov. 24 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 25. For more information, call 283-4825.

#### Airman's Attic

Family Services and the Airman's Attic are open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday-Friday in Bldg. 747. Call the Family Services office at 283-4913 for more information.

#### **Thrift Shop hours**

The Thrift Shop will be open from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. It will be closed Nov. 11 due to Veterans Day and Nov. 23-25 for Thanksgiving.

Normal operating hours are 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, with consignments from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays. The Thrift Shop is located in Bldg. 743 on Suwannee Drive across from the Base Post Office. For more information, call 286-5888.



#### Catholic services

Daily Mass, 11:30 a.m. Monday-Friday, Chapel Two Reconciliation, before Saturday Mass or by appointment Saturday Mass, 5 p.m., Chapel Two Sunday Mass, 9:30 a.m., Chapel Two Religious Education, 11 a.m., Bldg. 1476

#### **Protestant services**

Traditional worship service, 9:30 a.m., Chapel One Contemporary worship service, 11 a.m., Chapel Two Wednesday Fellowship, 5 p.m., Chapel Two

#### Muslim services

Dhuhr Prayer, Monday-Thursday, Spiritual Maintenance building near the flightline Jumauh services, 12:30 p.m. the second and fourth Friday of each month, Spiritual Maintenance building near flightline

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#### Chrissy Cuttita

#### Pedal to the mettle

Master Sgt. Glenn Hoflund, 53rd Test Support Squadron, exercises at the Health and Wellness Center here. The center has an area for both cardio and weight lifting. In addition the center hosts classes for weight management, smoking cession, diabetes information and others. The hours of operation are from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.Monday through Friday.

## MXS wrenches win from Prog

PIGSKIN PROGNOSTICATOR

From the first president's state

Wow. So, how about those football games last weekend? That was ... exciting.

OK, you got me. I'm putting off writing this poem on the greatness of the Texans. Houston, now 1-6, had been doing so bad this season, the last thing I expected was Jerome Mathis, Houston wide receiver, getting them within field goal distance with less than three minutes left in the game.

Even though that game was ugly, it was harder to watch the Giants stomp the Redskins with a 36-0 shut-out. New York managed more sacks than a supermarket, taking down both of Washington's quarterbacks for an emotional win in the wake of the Giant's owner Wellington Mara's death.

Things were also exciting here at Tyndall. 325th MXS won by picking the closest final score for the Monday night game. They beat

out 53rd WEG, 325th MDOS and 325th CPTS for the tie. It seems they're not content to settle into the middle of the heap.

Well, their rise may be as fun to watch as New England's fall. Where Tom Brady's star seems to be slowly fading, Peyton Manning and company are shining bright.

"New England has been in a little bit of a slump," said prognosticator William Bracken. "Unfortunately for them, they are running into a Colts team that is hot right now, pulling victory from the jaws of defeat several times this year."

Speaking of defeat, I didn't forget about that poem.

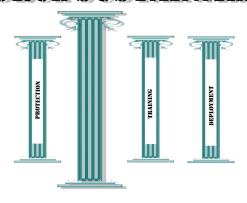
Houston's a team
That's quick on the rise
There ain't nothin' better
Than those Texan guys
Each time they play
I give out a call:
"Now, let's get out there

And watch some football!'

## Prognosticator scorebox

Team	Week 8	Total
PIG-PRO	G 8	62
325th MOS	8	71
325th AMXS	S 9	70
First Sgts.	8	69
325th SVS	7	68
325th MDO	S 10	67
325th ACS	9	67
2nd FS	9	66
325th CON	S 8	66
325th CS	9	65
325th CPTS	3 10	64
53rd WEG	10	63
325th MSS	8	60
823rd RHS	9	59
325th MXS	11	58
325th CES	7	57
325th OSS	9	56
325th OG	8	50
NCOA	7	50
325th SFS	0	42
AFRL	8	38

#### **FORCE SUSTAINMENT**



#### **Intramural Sports Standings**

#### Football

American			Na	tiona	I
Team	W	<u>L</u>	<u>Team</u>	W	L
MXS	6	1	ACS	8	0
42nd AMU	5	2	SFS	7	1
83rd FWS	5	2	TEST	6	2
oss	4	3	CES	5	3
1st AMU	3	4	COMM	4	4
CPTS	2	5	601st EAOG	2	6
<b>AFCESA</b>	2	5	SVS	2	6
53rd WEG	1	6	MDG	1	7
			CONS	1	7

#### **Bowling**

<u>Team</u>	W	<u>L</u>	<u>Team</u>	W	L
MXS-Phase	66	22	ACS 2	44	44
SFS	60	28	RHS	44	44
MSS 1	54	34	ACS 1	42	46
MOS	53	35	TEST	42	46
CS 1	52	36	OSS	42	46
83rd FWS 2	52	38	AFCESA	42	46
601st EAOG 1	52	38	1st AMU 1	40	48
601st EAOG 2	50	38	NCOA	40	48
83rd FWS 1	48	40	CONS	39	49
MXS 1	48	40	MXS-AMMO	38	50
IAM	46	42	1st AMU 2	38	50
MSS 2	46	42	CES	38	50
1st AMU 3	45	43	SVS	35	53
53rd WEG	44	44	MDG	34	54
AMXS	44	44	CS 2	32	56
1st FS	44	44	AAFES	16	64

#### Pig-Prog vs. AFRL

Atlanta @ Miami	Atlanta
Carolina @ Tampa Bay	Carolina
Cincinnati @ Baltimore	Cincinnati
Detroit @ Minnesota	Detroit
Houston @ Jacksonville	Jacksonville
Oakland @ Kansas City	Kansas City
San Diego @ N.Y. Jets	San Diego
Tennessee @ Cleveland	Cleveland
Chicago @ New Orleans	New Orleans
N.Y. Giants @ San Francisco	N.Y. Giants
Seattle @ Arizona	Seattle
Pittsburgh @ Green Bay	Pittsburgh
Philadelphia @ Washington	Philadelphia
Indianapolis @ New England - 37	42 points

The Pig-Prog lost to 325th OSS in Week 8. They have the intelligence, but I doubt 'weather' they can do it again.

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## Dining-out is ceremony of tradition, camaraderie

**FORCE SUSTAINMENT** 

MASTER SGT. MARY MCHALE

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As with many military traditions, it arose from a steep and storied history.

It's the military tradition known as the dining out, a formal social evening for military members, their spouses and other guests.

According to Air Force Pamphlet 36-2241, the United States Air Force Supervisory Examination Study Guide, "Formal military dinners are rooted in antiquity, a proud tradition honoring military victories and individual and unit achievements from pre-Christian Roman legions and second century Viking warlords to King Arthur's knights in the sixth century."

But while the tradition harkens back centuries, it is widely believed the Air Force's version began in the 1930s when General Henry "Hap" Arnold used to throw his "wingdings" and the current dining out evolved from there.

The study guide also points out the event's purpose.

"The purpose of the dining out is to bring members of the unit and their guests together in an atmosphere of camaraderie, good fellowship and social rapport."

Arising from the older and more historic

tradition of the dining in, a dining out differs only because guests other than members of the military unit are invited.

The 325th Mission Support Group is hosting a dining-out Saturday night at the Enlisted Club. Retired Chief Master Sgt. Paul Airey, the first chief master sergeant of the Air Force, will be the guest speaker, another dining-out tradition.

"Chief Master Sergeant Airey's appearance

is the biggest thing for me," said Master Sgt. Travis Fritts, 325th Services Squadron first sergeant who will serve as mister vice. "I've been lucky enough to hear him speak a few times. He has an excellent balance of humor,

seriousness and motivation; the audience hangs on his every word."

"I just enjoy the atmosphere of formal fun," said Master Sgt. Paul Cornell, 325th Mission Support Squadron first sergeant and planning committee member. "It's a 'rebluing' process and a tradition unique to the military."

The 2nd Fighter Squadron held a dining-out Saturday with 100 guests to include 12 World War II veterans and their families.

"The highlight of the evening was being able to spend this valuable time with our veterans," said Maj. Jim Suhr, event coordinator from the 325th Operations Group. "The veterans have a proud history which included 183 aerial victories over German aircraft while flying Supermarine Spitfires, P-40 Warhawks,

and P-51 Mustangs."

The evening begins with a cocktail reception, where attendees can acquaint themselves with each other and the rules of the mess. Once in the mess, where dinner is served, rules violations will often be "punished" with

a trip to the "grog bowl." Usually there are two – one filled with alcoholic beverage and one non-alcoholic. Infractions can be noted by the president of the mess or the president's assistant, known as the mister or madam vice.

Additionally, members of the mess can draw attention to an infraction by tapping their

spoons on the table. Drawing such attention is known as raising "a point of order." Disputed violations are voted on the same way since clapping is not allowed. Common violations include being late to the cocktail lounge or bringing a drink into the mess. Outside of the grog bowl, wine and water are the traditional mess beverages.

Sergeant Cornell, who wrote the script for the 325th MSG event, said while there's a certain amount of latitude, the sequence of events should always remain intact.

"You don't want to tinker with tradition," he said, adding, "but I like to integrate humor into the script, try to make it as funny as I can."

Typically, the schedule of events includes beverage toasts to open the mess, dinner, post dinner recess, awards and recognition, a guest speaker and the closing of the mess.

"The dining out is a great opportunity for our unit members and their guests to experience first hand the esprit de corp the tradition of the event embodies," said Col. Marc Luiken, 325th MSG commander, who will also serve as president of the mess. "I look forward to a great time."

If you would like to volunteer for Airman Against Drunk	Driving, send an e-mail to brandon.krueger@tyndall.af.mil.	

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# Tyndall duet: Two lieutenants strike a chord with Tops in Blue

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Not everyone can sing the songs that make the whole world sing, but two Tyndall lieutenants are vying for a chance to at least sing around the world

Second Lts. Carolynn Czepiga, 325th Fighter Wing protocol office, and Paul Kocel, 325th Air Control Squadron air battle manager student, are headed to Lackland AFB, Texas, Sunday through Nov. 14 to try out for Tops in Blue.

Tops in Blue is the Air Force's allactive duty entertainment group. They perform musical and dance numbers, and both lieutenants hope to become a part of the 35-member team.

While Lieutenant Czepiga says singing is more of a hobby for her, joining Tops in Blue would allow her to share her feelings about being in the service.

"Every time I sing in uniform, it gives me a great sense of pride," she said. "I want others to feel that same thing."

She has been able to show her pride of service by singing at base events such as the Chiefs and Eagles softball game and downtown at the Indian Summer Festival. Yet her singing started much earlier.

"I've been singing since I was a little girl," said Lieutenant Czepiga. "It runs in the family – my mom used to sing and my dad was in a college band."



Courtesy photo

Second Lt. Paul Kocel, 325th Air Control Squadron, performed for entertainment troupes on cruise lines before joining the Air Force.

She sang at church, and before joining the service, she regularly sang the National Anthem for the Trenton Thunder, a minor league baseball team in New Jersey.

Lieutenant Kocel is not a stranger to performing, either. The Cleveland native began singing and dancing in high school. It all started with wrestling.

"While I was a wrestler, I heard that NFL football players took dance classes to get better on the field," he said. "I thought if it was good enough for them, it was

good enough for me."

He found out he had a knack for dancing and took it to the stage with some musical theater performances. An instructor, Lora Workman, saw his potential and took the future officer under her wing.

It was right out of high school that he got his first singing gig, said the lieutenant. He worked steadily as a performer for the next few years, doing shows at major theme parks, national entertainment tours, as well as acting in a music video for the rock band Godsmack. But the events of 9/11 changed his direction.

"I have a long family history of military service," said Lieutenant Kocel. "I wanted to join, but the timing wasn't right. That is until September 11."

He said performing just didn't seem meaningful anymore. He was commissioned through Officer Training School in August, and it was there he heard about Tops in Blue.

"I was able to make people smile when performing before," said Lieu-



Second Lt. Carolynn Czepiga, 325th Fighter Wing protocol office, sings the National Anthem at the 2005 Eubanks Team visit.

tenant Kocel. "But by performing for the troops, I get to make a real difference. I can give deployed troops a chance to relax and a taste of home."

In order to get to that point, the two lieutenants must go through a rigorous try-out against 75 other performers, said Lieutenant Czepiga. There will be a series of seminars, rehearsals, interviews and evaluations.

"You have to show how well you can pick up what they teach you, as well as show some effort," she said.

Performers selected for Tops in Blue will go through a 45-day training period, immediately followed by a nine-month tour schedule. They do everything from sing, dance and play instruments, to all the technical work and logistics.

Although he's optimistic about getting to be a part of an experience like Tops in Blue, Lieutenant Kocel said no matter what, he'll be where the Air Force needs him.

"I'm here to do what the Air Force tells me," he said. "Right now they want me to try out for Tops in Blue." Page 18 **Gulf Defender** Nov. 4, 2005

## Save a life: Donate bone marrow

2ND LT. WILLIAM POWELL

325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Donating bone marrow could save a life, and one family here hopes that life is the life of their son.

Staff Sgts. Billy and Emily Gazzaway are proud parents of their 4-year-old son, Kadin, who has Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. ALL is a cancer that attacks white blood cells, which severely limits the body's ability to fight infections. Without a bone marrow transplant, his survival rate is drastically reduced.

Unfortunately, parents are not typically a perfect match to their children's bone marrow, so cancer patients depend heavily on donations by potentially perfect strangers, said Sergeant Emily Gazzaway, a 1st Air Force enlisted aide.

"We are looking for a suitable bone marrow donor or a blood match because it's not likely either of us is a perfect match, and he is an only child," she said. "All people have to do is donate a small blood sample to see if they are a match to anyone who needs bone marrow."

According to the National Cancer Institute, ALL is the most common form of cancer affecting children under age 15. It is also one of the most treatable. Approximately 85 percent of children with ALL live five years or more, provided the cancer is caught early enough and the right treatment is received.

"In Kadin's case, his cancer may be considered more aggressive," Sergeant

Emily Gazzaway said. "He was less than 6 months old when he got sick, which is younger than most children. He went into remission in 2002, and was clear for three years, but had a relapse Sept. 9."

Kadin is now back in chemotherapy after doctors found a lump in his left thigh and discovered it to be the same cancer he had before.

"He's tired all the time, and he knows there's something wrong with him, but doesn't know what," said Sergeant Billy Gazzaway, a 325th Communications Squadron technician. "He wants to go out and play, but we can't always allow him to be around other children. He has to be kept away from bacteria and anything that could make him sick."

When the parents feel sick, they have to wear a mask to protect Kadin, he said. But even when they are healthy, their son's cancer takes a toll on their emotional health.

"Some days are pretty bad," he said. "We don't know what to expect, but we are trying to stay positive. We help him keep his mind off of it, and it helps us keep our mind off it."

A bone marrow drive is being held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday at the Community Activity Center. Anyone age 18 to 60, in good health, can donate a small blood sample to test for a match to Kadin or millions of other people awaiting bone marrow transplants.

For more information, contact Master Sgt. Edith McNally, the bone marrow drive coordinator, at 283-4019.

## Tigers pounce on Eagles in varsity basketball action

The Tyndall Tigers men's varsity basketball team, 7-2 overall, took two victories from the host Eagles of Eglin AFB, Fla., in Southeastern Military Athletic Conference play Saturday and Sunday.

In Saturday's game, the two squads battled back and forth, keeping the score close throughout the first half. By the intermission, Tyndall had the lead at 38-37.

In the second half, the Tigers maintained a slim lead for the majority of the period, despite misfiring on 13 free throws attempts. In the final minutes of the contest, the Tigers dug in defensively and came up with critical stops to take the victory, 82-77.

Elvin Walker paced the Tigers in scoring Saturday with 25 points, followed by Mike Clair with 13, Jared Austin and Anthony Showers with 12 points each, and Jeffrey Blue with 10 points. Clair, Showers and Derrell Thomas tied for team rebounding honors with eight, and Showers led in assists and steals with six and five respectively. Maurice Wong led the Eagles in scoring with a game high 27 points.

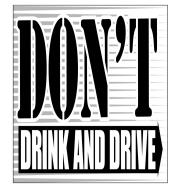
Sunday's game saw the two teams again play a hard fought first half, with Eglin behind Andre Benitez's hot hand getting 4-5 from the 3point arc. The Eagles took a one point lead into the halftime break, 35-34.

In the second half, the Tigers picked up the tempo of the game as they steadily increased their lead to double digits and turned back a late run by the Eagles to secure a 84-73 victory.

Elvin Walker led the Tigers in scoring Sunday with 22 points, followed by Anthony Showers with 15, Derrell Thomas with 13, and Jared Austin, Markus Manuel. and Ryan Cunningham with 10 points each. Thomas and Manuel tied for team rebounding honors with 15 each, and Showers led in assists with six. Benitez led the Eagles in scoring with a game high 24 points.

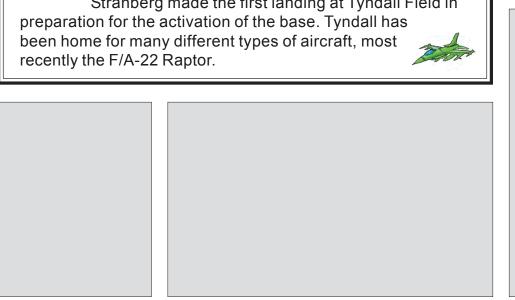
The Tigers and Lady Tigers will host the teams from Naval Station Mayport, Jacksonville, Fla., this weekend. The Lady Tigers play at 2 p.m. Saturday, and the men's team begins play at 4 p.m. The games continue Sunday, with the women's team playing at 11 a.m. and Tigers playing at 1 p.m.

(Courtesy Tyndall Tigers)



#### This week in Tyndall history ...

Nov. 5 1941 - Col. Warren Maxwell and Capt. W. B. Stranberg made the first landing at Tyndall Field in



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## Arts and Crafts 2005 Photography Contest winners

Each year, Tyndall's Arts and Crafts tion, "Motoring in Atlanta" Center holds a competition for both artists and photographers. This week, the Gulf Defender is highlighting the first place winners for the 2005 Photography Contest. Listed below are the winners' names, category and the name of their winning entry.

Clockwise from right:

Stephanie Fulton Ascherl, Adult/Monochrome Print/On Vacation, "Fulton Hugh Ascherl"

Joe Allen, Adult/Color Print/On Vaca-

Master Sgt. Michael Ward, Adult/Color Print/At Home, "Golden Smile" (Sergeant Ward also won Adult/Monochrome Print/ At Home with his photo "The Fight")

Senior Master Sgt. Carol Cox, Adult/ Digital Photo/On Duty, "FOD Walk" (Sergeant Cox also won Adult/Color Transparencies/At Home with "Blenny in a Barnacle," Adult/Color Transparencies/On Vacation with "Hawaiian Cove", Adult/ Digital Photo/Deployed with "Ready to

Go," Adult/Digital Photo/At Home with "Frittary in Flight," and Adult/Digital Photo/ On Vacation with "Misty River")

Evan Girard, Youth Under Age 10/Color Print/At Home, "My Brother" (Girard also won for Youth Under Age 10/Color Print/ On Vacation, "Fossil Hunting")

For more information on the Arts and Crafts Center and the contest, call 283-4511.

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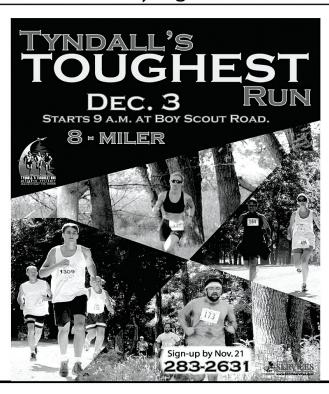
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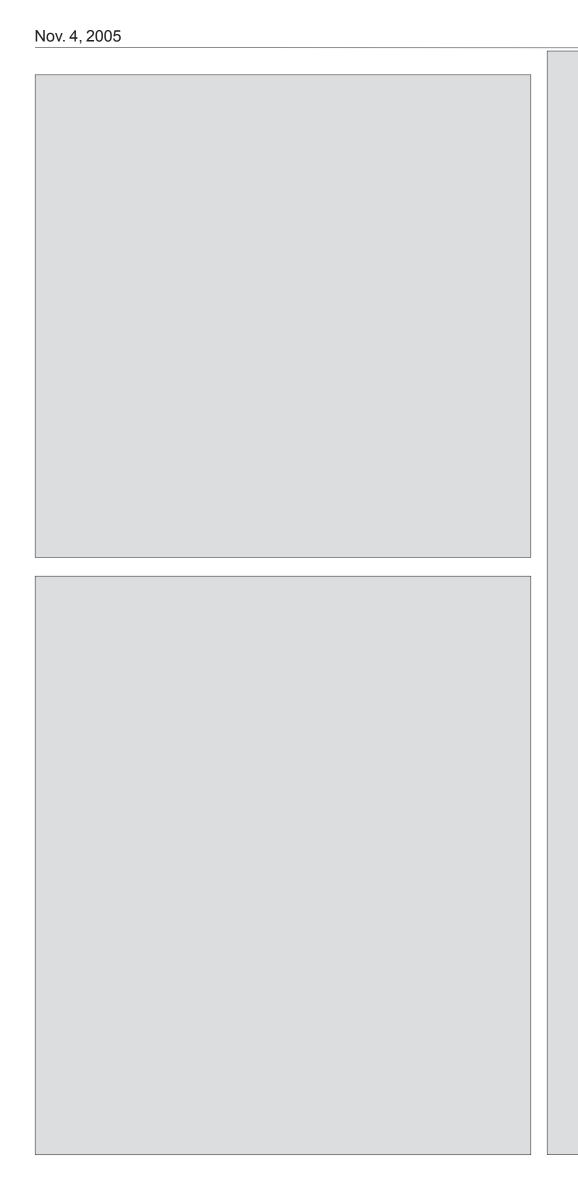
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# Donating blood helps military members

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Every 56 days here, an overwhelming sense of support for the lives in our military community draws a crowd of arms hoping to have blood drawn.

Tyndall never seems to have a problem finding enough willing blood donors and volunteers to augment the Kessler AFB, Miss., regional Armed Services Blood Program office in setting up a donation center on base.

"More than 127 people showed up Sept. 29, and out of that we collected 94 units," said Master Sgt. Cecilia Grimm who takes time from her job at the Southeast Air Defense Sector to volunteer her time coordinating the base blood drives.

"I donate because so many cannot and it makes me feel better," said John Sitten, Air Force Civil Engineer Support Agency, who donates every chance he can. "If you can and you are eligible then you should."

All of the blood donated to ASBP directly supports sick and injured military members and their families through medical services at military hospitals world wide.

Even when Hurricane Katrina hit and Kessler was not fully operational, they still came to Tyndall in September and delivered the blood directly to Wilford Hall Medical Center at Lackland AFB, Texas, due to the storm damage at Kessler's facility. Normally it is kept at Keesler and dispersed wherever it is needed in DOD.

Most healthy adults are eligible to give blood but there are some reasons a person may be deferred from donating temporarily or permanently according to Food and Drug Administration guidelines, said Armed Services Blood Program officials.

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Among those deferrals are those who have to wait a year after getting a tattoo, those who have had certain immunizations, pregnant women, or persons recently deployed to Iraq or areas known with persons affected by malaria and mad cow disease. More information on deferrals can be found by contacting ASBP or learning about it when they show up at a base blood drive.

Others get deferred once they have gone through an interview with medical professionals at the drive. They could have low iron, family history of deferred symptoms or have been involved in risky health behaviors, for example.

But those who cannot give because they were deferred can still support the blood drive by working at the donation center. Normally those people work a minimum of two hours at the canteen where they provide food and drink to donors.

"Our drives have been successful even with the number of deferrals," said Sergeant Grimm. "Our goal used to be 50 units but we doubled that because we always get a huge turnout."

The next blood drive is scheduled for Dec. 1 at the Enlisted Club here. Potential blood donors should bring proper identification that shows their social security number. Personnel who want to volunteer or get more information, should call Senior Airman Vanessa Jimenez at 283-2670.

